

December 29, 1970

Mr. Ward Stephenson
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Dear Mr. Stephenson:

Your letter to Dr. John A. Zapp, Jr. inquiring about hygienic standards for the inhalation of asbestos dust has been referred to me.

Dr. Zapp participates in the work of the Z37 Committee on Acceptable Concentrations of Gases and Dusts of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). Neither ANSI nor its predecessors, the United States of America Standards Institute and American Standards Association has ever recommended an acceptable concentration of asbestos dust in the air.

A history of Hygienic Standards for Asbestos is given in the paper with that title by S. A. Roach, Annals of Occupational Hygiene, Volume 13, Pp. 7-15, 1970, copy of which is attached.

I hope that this will satisfy your needs. If not, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
JAMES E. MORGAN

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